

This week's Big Talk...

Are we having an Indian summer...

Head Teacher's Comment – from Helen Davies

As we come to the end of another busy week it has been delightful seeing how much fun the children have had on their trips this week, hearing all about the new things they have learnt. I have been so pleased with how well all of our children have engaged with the learning on offer during their trips – and it really has been quite a week for trips!

Year 1 demonstrated their excellent walking on their trip to Ely Museum and Year 2 had a wonderful adventure at Framlingham Castle. I was so proud to hear how many parent helpers and members of the public, and even the coach driver, had commented on how well behaved our children were! Such positive feedback is always delightful to hear.

Next week is another exciting week for trips. Some of our Year 4 children are going on their first residential trip. The 2 night trip to Boughton Woods is an opportunity for them to learn and try out all sorts of different bushcraft skills (not to mention camping). We can't wait to hear about how they get on!

Latest news from Isle of Ely Primary School...

- ❖ School Council elections have been held and the new council members have been announced in today's assembly.
- ❖ Please can we remind parents to park with respect to the surrounding properties when dropping off or collecting your children.
- ❖ Year 1 – don't forget your teddy for the Teddy Bear picnic on Thursday!
- ❖ As a school we are working together to collect the ALDI Kit for Schools stickers. Please hand any stickers you may have in to the class teachers. If we are able to collect 300 stickers we will receive an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win £20,000 for the school.

Dates for your diary...

Next week:

- Wednesday 25th September – Year 4 Residential trip to Boughton Woods
- Thursday 26th September – Year 1 Teddy Bear picnic
- Friday 27th September – Year 4 return from Residential trip

Forward Planning:

- Friday 4th October – Year 5 trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
- Wednesday 9th October – Parent Share Session – Maths 8.30am to 9.30am
- Wednesday 16th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 2pm
- Thursday 17th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 2pm
- Friday 18th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 9.30am
- Monday 21st to Friday 25th October – Half Term
- Thursday 19th December 2019 – Last day of term
- Tuesday 7th January 2020 – First day of term (Monday 6th January is a staff training day)

Head teacher's Award

Ladybird Class – Edward for always arriving with a smile on his face, well done to him!

Butterfly Class – Oscar for always saying please and thank you, well done to him!

Dragonfly Class – Ava for her history work, well done to her!

Bumblebee Class – Michael for aiming really high with his maths work, well done to him!

Spider Class & Caterpillar Class – The whole of year 2 for their excellent behaviour and learning on the school trip. Everyone commented on how well behaved they were, well done to them!

Wasp Class – Flavio for rising to the challenge in History, well done to him!

Earwig Class – Ben for being triumphant through the tough times, well done to him!

Moth Class – Megan for being a resilient learner and settling in so well, well done to her!

Grasshopper Class – Arthur for being such a fantastic role model in the class, well done to him!

Ant Class – Isla for trying so hard and producing such an accurate copy in art, well done to her!

Mayfly Class – Hannah for working exceptionally hard during all subjects, well done to her!

What we've done this week...

Little Elvers: This week the little Elvers have been learning about themselves and what makes us different. We have explored different types of families and drawing our own framed family pictures. We have also been discussing what makes us special - exploring our different interests and expressing them through mark making.

Reception: This week we have been working on the Golden Rule, 'We work hard'. The children have been working really hard and enjoying going up the rainbow. In literacy this week we have been using our 'frog fingers' to say each phoneme in a word. In maths we have been measuring each other, our shoes and objects around the class. Thinking about the mathematical language. Big, medium and small. At the end of the day if your child has forgotten an item and needs to come back into the classroom can they please wait until all children have been dismissed.

Year One: This week in Year 1 we have begun our learning journey through exploring captions and lists. Additionally, we began to represent numbers in different ways and completed missing number problems. We really enjoyed our trip to Ely Museum and the children had a great understanding of old and new toys. They were exceptionally engaged and walked fantastically.

Please remember next week we will be having our teddy bear picnic on Thursday afternoon.

Year Two: What a fabulous year 2 trip to Framlingham castle. We enjoyed exploring the castle from the castle wall and walking around the outside of the castle. We even saw a secret Harry Potter door! Miss Lewis and Mrs Bates let us climb the hills and slide and roll down them. It was lots of fun. We have started recounting our trip and next week we will start learning how to write a letter of thanks.

Please remember children MUST have their reading books and reading logs in school EVERYDAY, as they will be reading them in class on a daily basis. Also when an adult reads with a child at home please write a comment in the log. Your children love this!!

Year Three: Wasp and Earwig classes have made a fantastic start to their new English topic learning the story of Nail Soup. Can they tell you the story, with actions? They have also been practicing counting in 1's, 2's, 10's and 100's to support their work on place value. In Theme, Year 3 have started to consider the Big Question: Was Hereward the Wake a hero or a Villain? They have been learning about the time Hereward lived and what Ely and the Fens were like in 1070.

Year Four: This week, Year 4 have begun learning their new Talk4Writing text, 'Sulius', they have created story maps and actions to help them remember the story and have looked in detail at new words they have come across – which they looked up the definitions of in the dictionary. In Maths, we have been looking at Place Value and have ordered and compared numbers. For History, we have started learning about Hereward the Wake and why he was important in local history.

Year Five: This week in year 5, we started our topics for maths and English for the next few weeks; place value and traditional story writing. We're practising using our new exercise books and the presentation so far has been amazing, good work year 5! We also looked at emotions around starting somewhere new and how we would help a new individual at our school. Our theme this week is Art and we are creating a picture of the Sutton Hoo helmet and we will be going into Saxon Jewellery over the next few days.

PTA News

Diary dates:

Next meeting -Thursday 10th October at 6pm

Fireworks event - Friday 1st November, from 5.30 on the school field.

Come and join us for our first ever school fireworks display! Tickets will soon be on sale for this event priced at £10 for a family (two adults and two children) or £5 per adult and £2 per child. For tickets email pta@isleofelyprimary.org

Refreshments and food will be available, including a licenced bar. There will also be games and entertainment and a raffle for a 'barrel of booze' where you can win a wheelbarrow filled with a variety of alcohol!

We would be grateful for donations of alcohol for the raffle. Please hand in any donations to the school office.

Thanks for your support!

Next PTA meeting and AGM

The next PTA meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 10th October at 6pm and will incorporate the Annual General Meeting (AGM). All parents and carers are welcome to attend and we hope to see lots of you there.

At the AGM we will appoint the committee members for the next year. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please get in touch with us. We are an informal and friendly group which welcomes new members. Joining the PTA is a great way to have fun while supporting the school and coming along to our informal meetings is also a great way to socialise and meet other parents.

In particular we are seeking a new member to act as Secretary to the Committee. The focus of this role is on communication and record keeping. The Secretary also takes minutes at meetings and records action points.

If you have any questions, or would like to chat to one of the current committee members, please let us know.

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